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Mud Creek Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

MOUNT IDA CHURCH,

WALKER COUNTY, ALA.,

October 16th, 17th and 18th, 1886.

A Complete Roll of the Delegates appears in the Tabular Statement on the last Page of the Minutes. Absentees marked with the (*) Star.

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MUD CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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FIRST DAY—Opening Session.

Mount Ida, Ala., October 16th, 1886.

The Mud Creek Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment on Saturday the 16th day of October, 1886, for the purpose of holding its Fifteenth Annual Session, at 11 A. M., with Mount Ida Church, Walker county, Alabama.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. I. Gilbert, from Heb. 11th chapter, 23rd, 24th and 25th verses, to a large and appreciative audience, which was very instructive and interesting. Services were then closed by prayer, to meet in one and a half hours. Adjourned.

The Association was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Elder L. B. Harbin, of North River Association.

Resolved, that as the roll of the various churches are called, that the delegates come forward and vote for Moderator and Clerk for present session, which resulted in the election of Eld. A. White as Moderator, and Bro. Thos. L. Burchfield as Clerk.

Bros. Wm. Batson and Samuel A. Parsons were appointed.

to read the letters from the different churches belonging to the Association, which were read.

The body then called for petitionary letters from any church desiring admission into this Association. None were presented.

A committee was appointed on Devotion by the Moderator, consisting of Bros. M. M. Gwinn, Allen Johnson and A. J. Smith, together with the deacons of Mount Ida Church.

Called for corresponding delegates from sister associations. Received Elder L. B. Harbin and Brethren J. W. Snow, J. L. Lennard and J. H. Walton, all of North River Association; also Elder O. J. Waldrop, of Caanan.

The following committees were then appointed:

On Documents—Bros. J. M. Knight, Samuel Robertson and J. J. Vance.

On Nominations—Bros. A. Gilbert, William Wright and Jesse Sanford.

On Finance—Bros. Samuel A. Parsons, W. P. Salter and J. H. Knight.

On Home Missions—Elder J. I. Gilbert, Elder B. S. Thompson and Bro. J. R. Reeves.

On Temperance—Elders James A. Markham, Bros. C. B. Gwinn and J. V. Norris.

On Sabbath Schools—Bros. M. M. Gwinn, H. A. Roberts and James T. Davis.

On Education—Bros. J. M. Knight, A. Gilbert, J. J. Hosmer, S. A. Parsons and J. Collier.

Resolved that the Committee on Temperance, Education and Sabbath Schools be a standing committee until the next annual session of this body, at which time they will make their report.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

To North River Association—Elders J. A. Markham, Elder A. White, Bros. J. H. Knight, T. P. Vandever and J. M. Knight.

To Caanan Association—Bros. J. M. Knight, M. M. Gwinn, S. A. Parsons and A. J. Smith.

To Harmony Association—Bros. S. A. Parsons, P. S. Hammonds and J. O. Wallace.

To Tuskaloosa Association—Elder B. S. Thompson, Elder J. I. Gilbert, Samuel Wallace and Isaiah Boatner.

Bro. T. P. Vandever, by request, was excused from the body on account of sickness in his family.

The Committee on Devotion made the following report:

Preaching at candle-light by Elder L. B. Harbin, to be followed by Elder J. I. Gilbert, which appointment was called in by the body.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were then read by Bro. Samuel A. Parsons, of Mud Creek Church, after which the body adjourned until 8 o'clock in the morning, Monday. Hymn No. 1100 was sung in Baptist Psalmody. Prayer was then offered by Elder B. S. Thompson and the body was dismissed until 8 o'clock Monday morning.

SUNDAY—Morning Session.

Prayer meeting was conducted by Bro. Chappell at 9 o'clock.

Elder T. A. Norwood, who was appointed at the last session to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, being absent, Elder A. White preached the Missionary Sermon from the 28th chapter of Matthew, 19th verse, which was listened to with great interest, and was followed by Elder J. I. Gilbert. The body then adjourned for dinner.

Evening Services.

Preaching by Elder O. J. Waldrop from the 18th chapter and 3rd verse of Matthew. Adjourned until Monday morning.

MONDAY—Morning Session.

The body was called to order by the Moderator at 8 o'clock. The 84th Psalm was read. Hymn No. 2 of Psalmody was sung. Prayer was then offered by the Moderator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report that we find a request from Oak Grove Church, also from Mud Creek Church, asking for the next session of the body, and we recommend that the next annual session of the Mud Creek Baptist Association meet with Oak Grove Church, Jefferson county, Ala., 25 miles west of Birmingham, Ala. Bro. P. A.

Wilkey to preach the Introductory Sermon, Bro. J. M. Knight alternate.; Elder J. N. McFalls to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday, Bro. Andy Batson alternate.

A. GILBERT, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report the following: We find nothing in the letters from the various churches concerning Sabbath Schools, therefore we are unable to make any report: the churches being so little interested as to do nothing. A report from a committee would do no good, but we would recommend the adoption of last year's report, and urge the brethren to take hold of this work at once, and prove their faith by their works.

M. M GWINN, Chairman.

Adjourned two hours to hear Elder L. B. Harbin preach and to get dinner.

At 1 o'clock the body met again in the house. Hymn No. 490 was sung in Psalmody. Prayer was offered by Bro. S. A. Parsons.

The Committee on Home Missions made the following report:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to report that we are at a loss what to write, and advise the body to say what kind of a Missionary work we should adopt, and whether we should co-operate with the State Missionary Board, or not.

J. I. GILBERT, Chairman.

The body resolved that they would not co-operate with the State Mission Board.

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Members, beg leave to report that we find since our last session the following deaths: S. J. Reeves, A. R. Vines, Clarissa Howton, Annie Simpson, E. J. Gilbert, M. J. Lawson, Nelson Skelton, George Snider, all distinguished members of this Association. We sincerely mourn their absence, but we do not mourn as those who have no hope, for our loss is their gain; therefore we are willing to submit to the will of God, but should "admonish each other to run the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus as the

author and finisher of our faith." We do truly sympathize with those bereaved, hoping ere long to meet where parting is no more. JAMES M. SNOW, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report as follows: We have examined the letters from the several churches and find a request from Mud Creek and Oak Grove churches for the next session of this body to meet with them; also a petition for a letter of dismission from Pleasant Grove Church. We recommend the same.

J. M. KNIGHT, Chairman.

The report of Committee on Temperance was received and read, and on motion was tabled.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report that we recommend education in our midst, and urge the brethren of this Association to look well to their children's interest in education, as we know as they come to the years of accountability God is calling them into His vineyard, qualifying them at heart with the desire to teach the gospel; therefore it becomes needful that we look well to that interest, as we see and feel the want of it in our midst.

J. M. KNIGHT, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

We, your board of School Trustees appointed by your body, beg leave to make the following report: Dear brethren, we have endeavored to discharge the duties assigned us to the best interest that our judgment served us. First, we employed Rev. O. J. Waldrop as proprietor of said school for eight months, at forty dollars per month. We feel that much good has been the result. Bro. Waldrop has taught an interesting (literary) school, and has endeavored to instruct his students with all necessary instructions, together with Christian principles. Dear brethren, we have had but little assistance in the support of the school—only from the surrounding community—and we earnestly solicit all your help in patronage to make the school such as we desire. We have made no selec-

tion for a teacher for the coming session. May the Lord bless us in that direction is our prayer.

J. M. KNIGHT, Pres. Board.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows: We have received as Minute fund, $17.70; associational fund, $11.60, and for indigent members of this Association, $1.50. S. A. PARSONS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

I, your Treasurer, beg leave to report as follows: Paid to Bro. T. A. Norwood, $14.00; balance on hand, $10.45.

M. M. GWINN, Treasurer.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk expend $17.70 for Minutes, and that he reserves a sufficient number of Minutes for correspondence; also

RESOLVED, That the Clerk receive $8.00 for his services, and that the remainder of the educational fund be paid to Elder B. S. Thompson.

RESOLVED, That this body tender their sincere thanks to the membership of Mount Ida Church, and especially so to the vicinity for their kindness and hospitable treatment to this Association.

RESOLVED, That this body adjourn to meet with Oak Grove Church, 25 miles west of Birmingham, on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1887.

Hymn No. 11 of Baptist Psalmody was sung, and prayer was offered by O. J. Waldrop, after which the parting hand was given and the Association adjourned in order.

ELDER A. WHITE, Moderator.

THOS. L. BURCHFIELD, Clerk.

Churches, Pastors, Post Offices and Names of Delegates.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES. (*Names of Absentees.)
Liberty	A White	Short Creek.	*G B Vines, W P Salter, J V Norris, A Vines, J J Vance.
Antioch	J F Price	Hayes	B Hyche, *W J Burchfield *T J Burchfield, Wm Scales, H P Hudson.
Pleasant Ridge	W Hannah	Hayes	*D Barger, J Wallace, *S Wallace, Isaiah Boatner, *S V Barger.
Mud Creek	J I Gilbert	Rasburg	J A Markham, S A Parsons, S V Travis, D A Howtor, P S Hammonds.
Rock Creek	J N McFalls	Toadvine	*J T Glaze, *J C Riley, *J H Waldrop, *J G Smith, J R Reeves, *J J Waldrop, alt
Hopewell	A White	Toadvine	A White, J M Snow, D R Davis, J F Davis, Jesse Sanford
Oak Grove	A White	Toadvine	W H Wright, J M Knight, M M Gwinn, *P A Wilkey, J H Batson, alternate.
Mount Ida	A White	Wilmington	S Robertson, J Chappell, W A Robertson, A Perry, J H Knight, H A Roberts.
Village Creek	— Lee.	Brownville	*E Hicks, *H P Eaton, J Collier, A J Nickols, *J Woodards, J Hicks.
Pleasant Grove	W W Martin.	Wetona	*W S Murry, *E D Herrin, *T A Norwood, J R Moses, G W Herring, *J T Franklin, al
Davis Creek	W Hannah	Hayes	*W Hannah, T James, *D Sanlin *J M Hendrix, L D McFaeine E S Kennedy, alt
Friendship.	J F Price.	Hayes.	J J Hosmer *A J Burchfield, Jefferson Hogg, *H Hosmer, V J Clark.
Prudes Creek	J F Price	Hayes.	Rev J I Gilbert, J M Gilbert, T L Burchfield, *J A Wright, Lando Gilbert
Big Creek	J A Markham	Toadvine.	*L Narimore, *L Johnson. *S E Gilmore, G W Weaver.
Free Will	M D L Sanders	Williamsb'rg	T P Vandever, B Quin, *J D Kilgore, *G M Quin
Smithville	O J Waldrop.	Toadvine.	J M Hyche *L X Smith, B M Roberts, W M Fields, *C F Allman, A J Smith, alt
Black Warrior	J I Gilbert	Hayes	A Gilbert, J H Minor, A Johnson, S Mullinax, W R Gilbert, A P Narimore, alt
New Provid'nce	J I Gilbert	Hayes	C B Gwin, B S Thompson, R B Patton, S M Hosmer, W R Patton, alternate.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Withdrawn by Letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	Money sent.
Liberty	6			4		1	86	$ 1 75
Antioch	3	4		1		1	40	1 75
Pleasant Ridge	7	3					16	1 50
Mud Creek	4	4	4		4	2	71	2 00
Rock Creek			4			1	40	
Hopewell	5		8				48	2 00
Oak Grove	11	3	2	1	2		72	2 50
Mount Ida	4	2					21	1 85
Village Creek		2					23	1 50
Pleasant Grove	8		6	1	3		66	1 50
Davis Creek	4	3	3	1			31	1 50
Friendship	6	4	11	2	3		39	1 00
Prudes Creek	8		3	2		2	75	2 00
Big Creek	1	2	8	6	2		21	50
Free Will	2	1				1	20	1 70
Smithville	1	1	1	2	1		27	1 50
Black Warrior							23	1 65
New Providence	1	2				1	34	1 50